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1. France has also officially recognized Palestine as a separate state.
 - i. Already, Britain, Canada, Australia, and Portugal have officially recognized Palestine. Following that, not only France, but also Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Andorra, and Belgium have officially recognized Palestine as a separate state.
 - ii. About 140 countries, including India, have already recognized Palestine. But the fact that the G7 member states, a group of the world's most powerful countries, have now recognized Palestine is considered of greater significance.
2. Certain Disaster Management tasks have been assigned to specific Ministries and Departments to minimize the impact on the public.
 - i. This reform has been implemented to enable specific Ministries and Departments to carry out relief and prevention work according to the nature of the disaster, instead of a single Ministry handling all types of Disasters.
 - ii. In a press release issued by the Union Home Ministry, it was stated that the Ministry of Defence has been entrusted with the responsibility of dealing with disasters like avalanches and oil spills in water bodies.
 - iii. The Union Ministry of Earth Sciences will be responsible for providing early warnings regarding storms, cyclones, fog, earthquakes, heat waves, lightning, hail and heavy rain.
 - iv. Similarly, the Union Ministry of Health and Welfare will handle biological disasters.
 - v. The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare will deal with the impacts of frost, fog, drought, cyclones, insect attacks, etc.
 - vi. The Union Ministry of Jal Shakti will deal with floods and glacial meltwater, while the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs will deal with urban flooding.
 - vii. Disasters caused by forest fires, factories and chemicals will be handled by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, and landslides by the Union Ministry of Mines.
 - viii. The Department of Atomic Energy will handle nuclear and radiological emergencies.
 - ix. The Central Government has undertaken this initiative under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, so that the Ministries or Departments mentioned above can carry out disaster monitoring, early warning, prevention, mitigation and preparedness activities.
3. A senior official said that the capabilities of drones and anti-drone systems will be tested during a security exercise to be held next month.
 - i. It has been reported that this exercise will be held in Madhya Pradesh from October 6th to 10th by the Integrated Security System (ISS) headquarters.
 - ii. Last month, for the first time, a tri-service conference on war, battlefields, and interservice clashes was held at the Army War College in Madhya Pradesh. It is noteworthy that next month another major exercise that will

include all three services is scheduled to take place.

4. Ayushman Bharat, which has completed seven years, was launched with the aim of ensuring high-quality, yet affordable healthcare to the people in line with future needs.
 - i. Through this scheme, the nation is witnessing a revolution in public healthcare provision. The financial security and dignity of the people of the country have been ensured. The Prime Minister Modi said that India has demonstrated how people's empowerment can be enhanced through humanity and technology.
 - ii. The Prime Minister also shared a post on the government website 'MyGov' regarding the world's largest health insurance scheme: Ayushman Bharat. The post states, 'Ayushman Bharat is the world's largest health insurance scheme with over 55 crore beneficiaries. While Government spending on health has increased from 29 percent to 48 percent, out-of-pocket spending has decreased from 63 percent to 39 percent.'
 - iii. Millions of families have been protected from the financial crisis caused by the cost of medical treatment. It is reported that through this scheme, 6 crore families are prevented from falling into poverty every year.
5. The Union Home Minister Amit Shah expressed confidence that India will become one of the top 10 countries in the Global Innovation Index in the next 3 years.
 - i. The Global Innovation Index was recently released. India has moved up from 91st place in 2015 to 38th place in 2025. This shows the potential of our people. I am confident that India will emerge as one of the top 10 countries in the Global Innovation Index in the next 3 years.
 - ii. Currently, 1.92 lakh startups have registered with the Government.
 - iii. 52 percent of the total startups are located in tier-II and tier-III cities.
 - iv. 48 percent of all start-ups are started by women.
6. The Central Government on Tuesday appealed in the Supreme Court against a verdict last year that held that states have the legal authority to levy taxes on mineral resources and mineral-rich lands.
 - i. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Central Government, informed a bench of Supreme Court judges Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta that he would file an appeal against last year's Supreme Court decision in this matter.
 - ii. Previously, a bench led by then Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud delivered a judgment on July 25, 2024, holding that Parliament has no power to tax minerals under Entry 1 of the Constitution's List I and that the power to tax minerals under List II lies exclusively with the State Governments.
 - iii. Only Justice P.V. Nagarathna, who was present in this session, gave a different ruling that states do not have the power to impose taxes on mineral resources.
 - iv. Following this, the Supreme Court issued an order on August 14 last year, allowing states to retroactively refund the tax collected by the Central Government on minerals from April 1, 2005.
 - v. In this context, the Central Government has appealed against the judgment that

states have the legal power to impose taxes on mineral resources and mineral-rich lands.

7. The Tamil Nadu Government plans to increase solar power generation by 10,000 MW in the next 5 years to achieve its energy transition goals, Power Minister S.C. Sivashankar said at an energy conference in Delhi.
- i. The 6th International Energy Conference and Exhibition, organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), was held in Delhi on Tuesday.
 - ii. Tamil Nadu Transport and Power Minister S.C. Sivashankar participated in this conference and spoke: Tamil Nadu continues to be at the forefront of India's renewable energy revolution. With a total renewable energy capacity of 25,500 MW, Tamil Nadu ranks 3rd in the country.
 - iii. It ranks 2nd in the country in wind power capacity with a production of 11,500 MW, and 4th in total solar power with 10,700 MW.
 - iv. Hydropower is generating 2,323 MW. Even before the Pradhan Mantri Surya Khar scheme, rooftop solar power in Tamil Nadu was 239 MW and after this scheme, it has increased to 290 MW.
 - v. Today, Tamil Nadu is one of the largest renewable energy states in India, with an installed renewable capacity of over 20 gigawatts. More than 10 gigawatts of this comes from wind power alone.
8. Personalities in news :-
- i. Mark Rutte - NATO Secretary General
 - ii. António Guterres - UN Secretary General
 - iii. Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey - Common Wealth Secretary General